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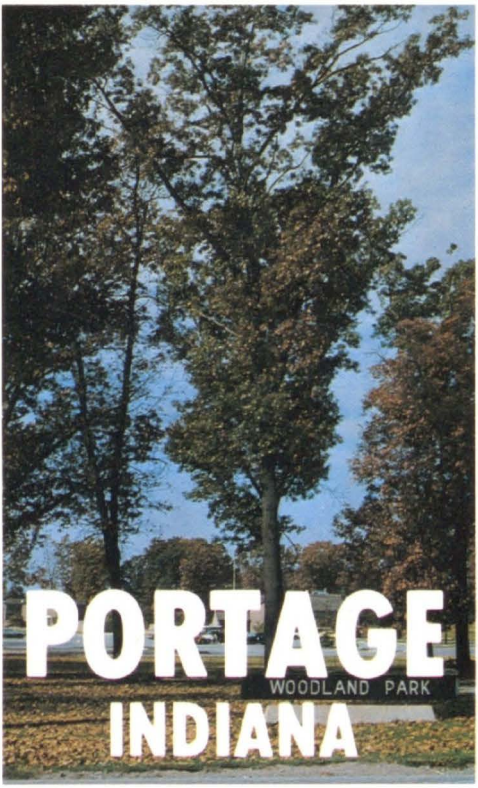

facts and information
PORTAGE

POPULATION: Portage-20,624 (1973); Porter County-87,114; 78,159 persons in four mile trading area of central downtown Portage.

CLIMATE: 50.3° year average. 34.2 inches of rainfall.

CHURCHES: 30 protestant churches and 1 Catholic.

SHOPPING: Downtown Portage with 73 specialty businesses along with three multi-store shopping malls within thirty minutes of Portage.

EDUCATION: Township school system enrolling 9800 students and new Catholic parochial school with classes from K to 6th grades.

TAXES: $8.41 per $100 assessed valuation with tax credit. State sales tax - 4%; State income tax - 2%.

MEDIA: Two weekly newspapers, two shoppers and two metropolitan dailies. Chicago television and local radio provide electronic news.

RECREATION: City parks, organized baseball and football, eighteen hole golf course, theatre, and a bowling alley under construction. Lake Michigan offers boating, fishing, skiing and swimming.

ORGANIZATIONS: Active men and women's civic clubs along with enthusiastic church, school and special interest clubs provide activity for all ages.

UTILITIES: Gas and electric, telephone, and water are all provided by private companies with sewage and garbage pick-up serviced by the City of Portage.

POLICE and FIRE: A fully departmentalized 36 man police force and a Fire Department building, a second station for fire and ambulance service protects the community 24 hours.

TRANSPORTATION: Indiana Toll Road; Interstates 80, 90, and 94; U.S. Routes 6, 12, and 20; Service airports in Hobart, Gary and Valparaiso with major airline scheduled service at Chicago O'Hare and Midway.

FINANCIAL: Two National full service banks, one State bank and a Savings and Loan provide broad financial resources.

INDUSTRY: Air Products and Chemicals, Bethlehem Steel Corp., Continental Can Corp., Enamel Products and Plating Co., I.T.T. Henze Service, Midwest Steel Division of National Steel Corp., Levy Company, and Port of Indiana with Tri-state Terminals.

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GROWING PORTAGE, INDIANA

Years have passed since glacier movements formed the rolling sand dunes buffering the shores of Lake Michigan and the singular beauty that is now part of the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore Park.

Nestled in this natural phenomenon at the very southern tip of Lake Michigan is Portage, Indiana. Originally Pottawatomi Indian country, the flags of four nations have flown over this area since its first exploration by Christian preaching missionary Father James Marquette in 1674.

A century and a half later in 1822, Joseph Bailly established a fur trading post and from there to today time has passed quickly as the advent of this sprawling geographically and ecologically unique area begins to share her wealth and resources.

Relishing this rare balance between nature and man, much care has been exercised to preserve jointly the natural beauty and the vast economic potential of this flourishing growth now experienced in Portage.

Ideally situated in Porter County, Portage is served with State, Federal, Toll and Interstate road systems connecting Chicago 35 miles to the west, Indianapolis 150 miles south and Detroit 170 miles east. With the Portage located international inland deepwater Port of Indiana, every possible link is achieved with additional service of rail and nearby airports.

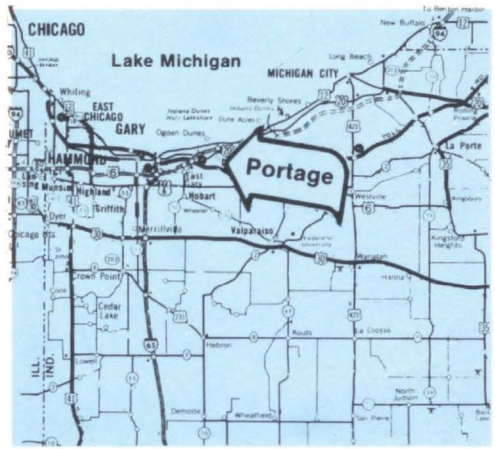
Industry provides a solid basis for growth with the presence of Bethlehem Steel, Midwest Steel, and many other diversified industry. Construction will soon be underway at Midwest Steel as the most advanced environmental technology enhances the construction of Midwest Steel's fully integrated steel producing operation making the shores of Lake Michigan the home of two of the nation's cleanest steel mills.

A warm and prosperous future is extended to all industry and business to locate in Portage as a well arranged master plan allows for a balanced community of business and recreation, to service both commerce and its employees.

While year round high school, collegiate and professional recreation is available throughout the Portage area, the famed Lake Michigan Coho and salmon fishing readily abounds with docking facilities and direct boat access to the lake for fishing and boating enthusiasts.

a progressive active city

Residentially, educationally, and civicly, Portage prides herself in offering quality, diversification and variety to round out an ideal environment to raise a family. Good shopping and a strong professional community balance the progressive growth of Portage, Indiana.



Portage is in the Center of Many Varied Four Seasoned Recreational Facilities All Within an Hour's Drive.

PROFESSIONAL SPORTS — Nearby Chicago offers football, baseball, hockey and an entire spectrum of spectator sports with professional teams along with many universities of the metropolitan area.

TRAVEL — Indiana, Illinois, and Michigan are all readily accessible via Interstate highways, all within no more than one hour's drive from Portage. The nations last electric commuter train still serves Portage from South Bend to Chicago.

RECREATION — Snow skiing, golfing, boating, fishing, organized and informal sports, wooded parks all abound in the Portage area. The convenience of metropolitan activities allows full enjoyment of suburban family lifestyle.

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Portage Parks offer programs for the youth and family in all seasons.

Portage is a growing city, one of the fastest growing in the state. An excellent governmental system provides futuristic planning and control of the city. Portage is most proud of the educational system which is one of the state's finest. Also, four universities and two vocational schools, all within twenty miles, continue to guide the educational endeavors of our youth.

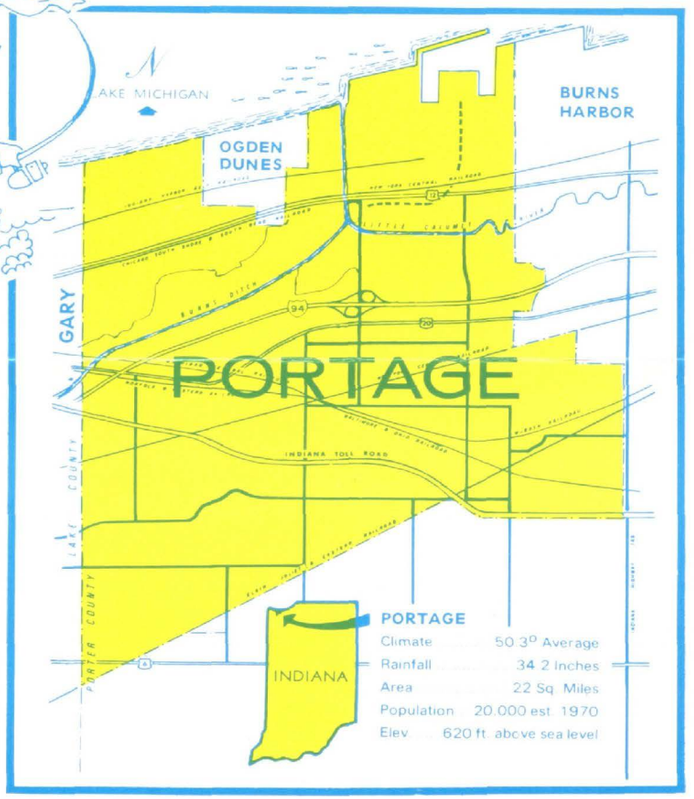
In an expanding international trade market, the Port of Indiana widens the doors of Indiana to the world. An estimated 6 million tons of foreign and domestic commerce from ships of fourteen nations is handled by the Port each year giving Portage a bright future as Indiana's water "Gateway to the World".

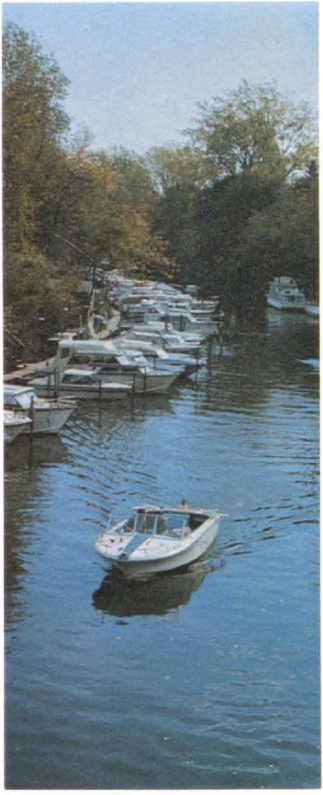
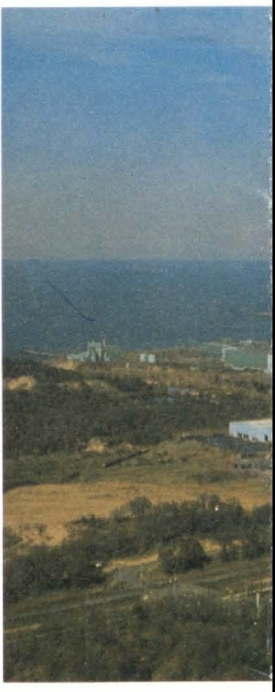
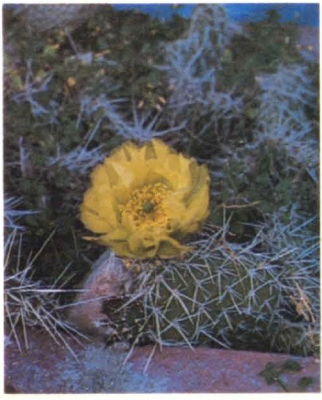
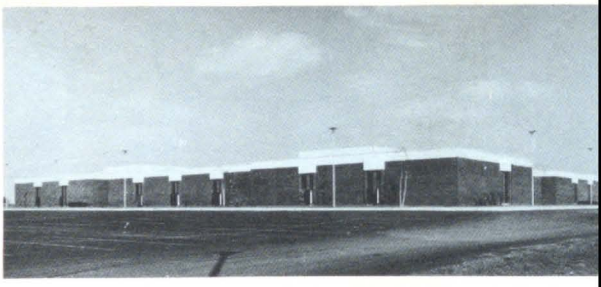
Portage's richest resource is her people. You will find friendly neighbors offering an ideal environment to raise a family. Portage is composed of progressive citizens dedicated to the active growth of the Portage community.

City planning is devoted to make best use of land for enjoyable family use.

Twelve schools and area universities guide Portage students to educational learning.

COHO FISHING IS GREAT HERE



Steel and steel products are the heart of Portage's industry.

Church and civic organizations play a major part of Portage's varied activities.